

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 have been canceled. New claims 9-17 have been added. Thus, claims 9-17 are presented for examination. Applicants respectfully request allowance of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments.

A substitute specification incorporating the changes in this preliminary amendment is provided with this application. No new matter has been added by way of the substitute specification.

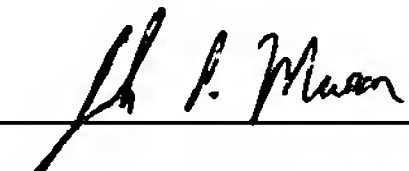
The amendments are not made for purposes of patentability.

Conclusion

The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper, including the fees specified in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 (c), 1.17(a)(1) and 1.20(d), or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

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